

## Southwestern Michigan Association of Spacemodeling Hobbyists (SMASH)

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**Article 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Southwestern Michigan Association of Spacemodeling Hobbyists (SMASH), section 500 of the National Association of Rocketry (NAR).

**Article 2.** Purpose: It shall be the purpose of this Section to: Promote the fun and enjoyment that rocketry and belonging to a rocket organization gives its membership. Promote the standards of the NAR and the NAR Safety Codes. To meet for the purpose of aiding and encouraging all those interested in rocketry. To engage in other scientific, educational, or rocketry related activities.

**Article 3.** Membership: Membership may include individuals that (a) follow the NAR Safety Codes, and (b) maintain good financial standing with SMASH. Members do not have to be NAR embers, but it is encouraged that all members join the NAR. Each membership is entitled to one vote.

**Article 4.** Financial Responsibilities: Membership dues will be determined by a majority vote at any scheduled business meeting and remain in effect until changed by a majority vote at a scheduled business meeting. Dues for members under 18 years of age will be free. These section dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to the NAR. All dues and other monies collected shall be kept in a Section Fund by the Treasurer. The officers may authorize the Treasurer to dispense funds in the interest of the section. Expenditures over \$75 must be approved by a majority of the officers.

**Article 5.** Meetings: Meetings of the Section shall be held as designated by the officers. Official section meetings will be held with at least 5 days prior notice to the designated date. Notification will be either through the SMASH email list or through regular mail. A minimum of four in attendance of the Section membership shall constitute a valid section meeting and quorum. Meetings shall be conducted and governed by "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised".

**Article 6.** Officers: The officers of the Section shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Senior Advisor, all of whom shall be members of the Section and of the NAR. The Senior Advisor must be a senior NAR member who is not a current officer. The officers are responsible for the day to day operation of the section.

**Article 7.** The section officers will designate a Range Safety Officer for each section launch. The Range Safety Officer must be a senior NAR section member.

**Article 8.** Elections: Elections of officers shall take place each fall at a meeting scheduled for the elections at which a quorum must be present, to precede the annual business meeting for the following year. All officers shall serve a term of one year or until the elections of new officers. Nominations for all elections shall be made from the floor, and the candidate having the largest number of votes shall be elected. Vacancies in offices will be appointed by the President or by a majority of the officers in the event of a Presidential vacancy.

**Article 9.** Committees: The President shall create committees as needed to maintain the Purpose (Article 2) of the Section. The President shall appoint members to serve on said committees.

**Article 10.** Amendments: These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those attending a business meeting. Written notice of the pending amendment will be sent to the membership of the Section at least 10 days in advance of such meeting.